

Court May Get Leach Contempt Charge To-day

Case Against First Deputy Police Commissioner To Be Pressed at Once by City Investigators

One Witness Examined
Meyer Committee Men Say They Obtained Some Very Interesting Information

The legislative committee investigating the Hyman administration will institute contempt proceedings in the Supreme Court to-day or Monday against First Deputy Police Commissioner John A. Leach of the Police Department in an effort to force him to testify before Senator Schuyler M. Meyer, sitting as a committee of one.

Leonard M. Wallstein, associate counsel to the committee, said last night that the action against the Deputy Police Commissioner would be brought as soon as the necessary papers could be drawn up. If they are not ready to-day they will be filed in the Supreme Court on Monday, he said.

At the committee's office last night it was said that Samuel A. Berger, one of the associate counsel to the inquisitorial body, would handle the contempt action against Leach, and also other court proceedings that might become necessary in order to compel witnesses to testify.

Reason for Refusal
In refusing to testify Commissioner Leach acted upon the advice of Corporation Counsel John P. O'Brien, the issue being raised by Senator Meyer had not the committee to sit as a committee of one.

The bill passed by the Legislature creating the investigating committee provided for separate committees of one to conduct the inquiry into the affairs of the City of New York, according to Senator Meyer, and the right of these committees to function will be tested in the courts within the next few days.

Several members of the committee have been designated to sit as committees of one, among them being Solomon B. Ullman, Republican, and Maurice Bloch, Democrat, of the lower house, and Senator Maxwell S. Harris, Republican, of Brooklyn.

One witness was examined yesterday by Senator Harris and Mr. Berger, but neither would divulge his name. The investigators said the witness was not attached to the Police Department and that his testimony had nothing to do with anything connected with the Enright administration.

Mr. Berger was asked whether the witness was a city official or a city employee and he replied that he was not.

"I cannot at this time tell you the nature of the testimony we have taken

this afternoon," Mr. Berger said, "but I can say that it was very interesting and that police matters were not at all concerned in it."

There was every indication yesterday that the Democratic members of the committee would decline to sit as committees of one. The leader of the section of the committee which seems to sympathize with the Hyman administration, Corporation Counsel O'Brien in Maurice Bloch, who said that under no circumstances would he interrogate witnesses sitting as a committee of one.

Examiners employed by the committee were busy yesterday checking up for identification the various records impounded Thursday. A large room adjoining the committee's offices has been designated as the temporary vault in which all seized records and documents are to be held, and outside its door last night an armed State Trooper was sleeping.

60 Cities and Towns to Take Part in Bach Fete

Festival Will Take Place at Lehigh University on Friday and Saturday

BETHLEHEM, Pa., May 21.—More than sixty cities and towns ranging from New England to West Virginia and westward to Minnesota will be represented by music lovers at the Bach Festival at Lehigh University Friday and Saturday. Philadelphia leads with about 200 ticket holders. New York has nearly 100. Other places having good-sized representative contingents are Boston, Baltimore, Brooklyn, Newark, Cleveland, Washington, Buffalo, Providence, Wilmington, Hartford, the Oranges, Montclair, Mt. Vernon, Harrisburg, Allentown, Reading, Easton and Lancaster. Among distant towns which will send several persons are Duluth, Minn., Yale and Ypsilanti, Mich., North Adams, Brimfield, and Wellesley Hills, Mass., Jamestown, N. Y., Massillon and Port Washington, Ohio, and Glen Jean, W. Va.

Lehigh University, host for the festival, will extend a special welcome to educators who will come from a dozen colleges and universities, including the University of Pennsylvania, Princeton, Harvard, Columbia, Yale, Amherst, Haverford, Johns Hopkins, Lafayette, Muhlenberg, Bryn Mawr and Wellesley. All seats for the Saturday sessions of the Bach Festival have been taken and the sale for Friday afternoon and evening exceeds anything in the history of the festival. The inevitable financial deficit, met by Charles M. Schwab and other guarantors, will therefore be smaller than in previous years.

As has been customary at the Bach Festivals since 1900, each of the four sessions will be announced by chorales played a half hour before opening by the Moravian Trombone Choir, stationed on the lofty tower of Packer Memorial Church.

Harding Gives Old Friend Job
From The Tribune's Washington Bureau
WASHINGTON, May 20.—Mrs. Helen R. Stucki, childhood friend of Warren G. Harding at Marion, Ohio, is to be Deputy Collector of Internal Revenue for the Western District of New York. Mrs. Stucki wanted to be Collector of Internal Revenue, but the organization forces agreed on Bert Gage.

Body of Northrop Child Found In River as Seer Predicted

Five Days' Search for 3-Year-Old Archie Ends in the Passaic at Newark; Father Told Just After Seeing Soothsayer; Another Infant in Home

A. B. Northrop, of Arlington, N. J., desperate after an unavailing search of five days for his three-year-old son Archie, went to an astrologer yesterday in the hope of getting an idea as to a new direction in which to prosecute the search.

"It is useless," the soothsayer told him. "The body of your child will be found in the river."

Disheartened, but incredulous concerning this surmise, at which others had arrived several days before, Mr. Northrop mounted his motorcycle and started for his home, at 222 Stewart Avenue.

On the way he was stopped by a patrolman who recognized him and told him that the body of a boy believed to be his son had just been found in the Passaic River at Newark.

Mr. Northrop, accompanied by a friend, went to the morgue. The father was so overcome at the sudden fulfillment of the prophecy that he was unable to examine the body himself. He told his friend, however, of a birthmark by which the boy could be identified and the latter, after looking at the body, reported that it was that of Archie.

Mr. Northrop went to the home of the physician attending his wife, who became the mother of another boy Thursday, and had him tell Mrs. Northrop of the discovery of the body. She was fearful, but courageous. The news was terrible, but not so terrible as the uncertainty concerning Archie's fate.

"I am glad he has been found," she said. "I shall find consolation in the certainty that he has not fallen into the hands of persons who might abuse him."

The search for the missing boy had been prosecuted diligently ever since he vanished. It was learned that twice he had been seen near the river by men who had warned him away. Evidence that the water had a fatal fascination for him was found, however, when a police dog was put on his trail.

The police followed the course thought to have been taken by the boy readily enough until reaching the bank of the stream. There he stopped and would go no further. Mr. Northrop refused to believe that the boy had been drowned, and he and his friends hunted up and down the banks of the Passaic and through the communities bordering it. Every lead had been followed to a hopeless end when the father went to the astrologer yesterday.

Wallace E. Woodruff, of 16 Governor Street, Newark, found the body. He was rowing in the stream not far below the Midland bridge of the Erie Railroad when he discovered it and brought it ashore. The place where the body was found is about a mile below where searchers discovered a child's footprints in a marsh beside the river.

will be produced by Charles Billingham in June. John Cumberland, Frances Carson, John Craig, Olive May, Richard Harbo, Diantha Pettison, John Grey, Clay Carroll, and Grace Perkins comprise the cast. Clay Carroll, by the way, is Mrs. Bide Hudley.

Benny Leonard, lightweight champion, will make two appearances as a comedian at the benefit of the National Vaudeville Artists to-morrow night.

Seven hundred seats for wounded soldiers have been arranged on the stages of the Hippodrome and the Manhattan Opera House for the benefit of the National Vaudeville Artists to-morrow night. A special committee has been designated to look after these guests.

Augustin Duncan, who plays the title role in "John Ferguson," opening Monday night at the Garrick Theater, is also the director of the production.

Ceased Wadsworth Fight in Campaign, Says Mrs. Damrosch
The Tribune received yesterday a letter from Mrs. Margaret Blaine Damrosch, whom it described in an article in yesterday's issue concerning the political inclination of Miss Mary Garrett Hay as an opponent of Senator Wadsworth, in which she says that the characterization was incorrect.

She ceased to oppose Senator Wadsworth, she wrote, after he had become "the regular nominee of our party."

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Police to Take No Vacation in Rum Crusade

Lay-Off of 133 U. S. Agents Won't Check Enforcement of State Act, Says Enright; To Go On Searching Autos

\$20,000 Month on Drink

Commissioner Spends This for Evidence; Hopes to Sell and Recoup Later

Police Commissioner Richard Enright announced yesterday that the temporary laying off of 133 Federal prohibition agents in the New York district would not mean a complete discontinuance of all efforts to make New York City dry. He said that it would not affect the police enforcement of the state law.

"We will go right ahead with our own work," the Commissioner said yesterday. Even the closing of both the Brooklyn and Manhattan prohibition offices, he pointed out, would have nothing to do with the violations against the Mullan-Gage law. Commissioner Enright also announced that he had ordered his men to continue to search automobiles whenever it seemed necessary to the enforcement of the state prohibition law.

To Continue Search
"The opinion of Attorney General Newton," he continued, "that automobiles cannot be stopped and searched for liquors may or may not be good law. It is just one opinion. The law must be adjudicated. For instance, we had more than 100 decisions on the Rains law. We will go ahead searching automobiles where we deem it necessary."

"There has been no modification of orders regarding 'hip-pocket' whisky" or any other phase of prohibition enforcement. We are proceeding in much the same way as we started. I believe that 60 per cent of the saloons are now closed and that more will go out of business in October, when leases expire. They cannot hold on. It is not profitable."

"We are spending \$20,000 a month for purchase of drinks by policemen," said Commissioner Enright, "and for expenses of transporting seized liquors and property."

The Commissioner did some quick figuring, which he said, showed that policemen had spent \$3,300 in fifteen days to buy drinks to get evidence. In the same period \$4,600 had been spent for transportation.

If the Police Department is permitted to sell for non-beverage purposes \$12,000,000 worth of liquors seized in raids and other valuable property annexed since the enforcement of the Mullan-Gage law began the pro-

Modify Charge Against Bride, 13, Who Killed Tiny Stepchild

Special Dispatch to The Tribune
FARMINGTON, Mo., May 20.—The charge of murder in the first degree against Letta Parsons, the "baby bride of the Ozarks" who shot and killed her six-year-old stepdaughter Lilly here, was dismissed this morning.

A new indictment, charging manslaughter in the fourth degree was returned and the trial set for the juvenile court. No date was fixed.

Letta, thirteen-years old, admitted she shot the child, but said it was an accident.

The girl was cheerful this morning. She greeted her husband with an embrace and talked to several of her relatives. John Parsons, the husband, known as the "Woodchopper of Iron Mountain," apparently has become convinced that Letta is telling the truth when she declared that she shot her little stepchild accidentally.

Others in close touch with the case also have said that they believe the girl is telling the truth. Public opinion is strongly for the girl and the Ozark men and women who have been drawn here by the lure of a murder trial freely predict an acquittal.

Even little John Parsons Jr., another stepchild, who is ten years old, the only eyewitness of the tragedy, has shown an inclination to waver from his first story that Letta shot and killed Lilly in cold blood five days after she married Parsons. He has admitted that Letta was a good mother and that he liked her.

Lawyers interested would not say definitely that the trial would be called to a halt. They were vague, some of them declaring it might be two or three days, depending on various unforeseen delays, before the case would be brought up. In the mean time Letta was kept in the dingy little prison, and talked to relatives through a hole in the door. She kissed her husband affectionately through the grating.

ceeds should pay a considerable part of the expenses of enforcement, it was said.

Police Commissioner Enright based the valuation of seized liquors on a price of \$10 a quart, which is excessive for commercial alcohol, but is a low estimate of prices in the illicit market. The Corporation Counsel has been asked for an opinion as to when and in what manner the confiscated "booze" and other property, including automobiles and trucks, may be disposed of.

Policemen from the Forty-seventh Street Station seized several cases of Scotch whisky, the property of Ogden Reid, in West Fifty-third Street, and William P. Weiss, a driver, arrested Victor Taurin, a truck driver, through error during the removal of some furniture. Weiss was released on bail by Magistrate Joseph E. Corrigan.

Thirteen out of one hundred Mullan-Gage law defendants pleaded guilty before Judge Alfred J. Talley, in General Sessions yesterday, and were given suspended sentences, with warning that a

second arrest would entail a prison sentence, if guilty.

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Rich Woman Sued For Alienation by Wife of Chauffeur

\$50,000 Demanded of Astoria Society Leader on Charge She Won Her Employee's Affection

Justice Fawcett signed an order in the Queens County Supreme Court yesterday directing that a jury be summoned to fix damages in the alienation suit of Mrs. Hugo Weidenbach, of 45 Willow Street, Astoria, N. J., against Mrs. Edith Tisdale Platt, wife of Dr. Clarence N. Platt, of 192 Franklin Street, Astoria. Mrs. Weidenbach demands \$50,000 damages for alleged alienation of the affections of her husband. Weidenbach has been employed for six years as Mrs. Platt's chauffeur.

In requesting the jury, Justice Buta, counsel for Mrs. Weidenbach, said that, although Mrs. Platt had been served with summons and complaint, she had made no answer, and it was asked that a jury in the Supreme Court assess the amount of damages. Weidenbach is thirty years old and handsome. He has been a resident of Astoria for the last fifteen years, and is a well-to-do business man. Mrs. Weidenbach relates that she was married to Dr. Platt in 1914. The wedding was a large and expensive affair. Dr. Platt is a physician with a large and active practice.

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World-Recovery Sure If Germany Does Not Default

The start of real world-recovery is seen by many in Germany's eleventh-hour acceptance of the terms imposed by the Allied Reparations Commission—unless Germany defaults on her agreement. By this submission—delayed until the shadow of French invasion lay black across the Ruhr valley—"a tremendous menace is lifted from the world," declares the New York Herald, which bids the nation rejoice "at the new prospect of peace, tranquillity and stability."

A Paris dispatch quotes Thomas W. Lamont, the American banker who, during the Treaty negotiations, was financial adviser to the United States Government, as saying that German acceptance of the reparation program means "salvation for Germany, and a new era for the rest of Europe;" and the New York Daily News admonishes us that "this is an excellent time for the people of the United States of America to stop worrying and go back to work."

The leading article in THE LITERARY DIGEST this week presents American public opinion upon the effect that Germany's surrender will have upon the peace and future prosperity of the world. It also shows the total amount Germany must pay to the Allied nations, how it is to be paid, and how it is to be divided.

Other news articles that are unusually interesting in this number are:

- Where Wage Reductions Hit Hardest
- When Will You Fill the Empty Coal Bin?
- America and the Anglo-Japanese Alliance
- Saving a Thousand Miners' Lives
- What Is a Nurse?
- Road-Scales for Law Enforcement
- Budapest's Coney Island in a Play
- The President's English
- Another "Christian Daily" Succumbs
- Great and Small Bonapartes of Europe and America
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